



Notice is given of the
32ND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of U3A HAWTHORN Inc.

Location: Hall, U3A Hawthorn Campus, 26 Sinclair Avenue, Glen Iris

Date: Thursday 25 May 2017

Time: 2.00pm

Agenda:

- To receive apologies and proxies [Proxy forms available at the Office]
- To confirm Minutes of the 2016 Annual General Meeting
- To receive the Annual Report for 2016
- To receive the Audited Financial Statement for the year ended 31/12/2016
- To elect Office Bearers and Committee Members for the next 12 months
- To appoint an Auditor for the year ending 31 December 2017
- To approve Subscription Fees for 2018
- To consider other business of which notice has been given in accordance with the Rules.

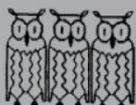
All Executive and Committee positions will be declared vacant. Nomination and proxy forms (both available from the Office) must be deposited with the Secretary not less than 7 days (in the case of nominations) and not less than 24 hours (in the case of proxies) prior to the time for the commencement of the Meeting.

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a presentation from a guest speaker; details to be confirmed.

Afternoon Tea: Refreshments will be provided for those **who notify the Office before Friday 12 May of their intention to attend.** Pre-booking is essential for catering purposes.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

Bruce Lancashire
Hon Secretary



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to 2017 at our refurbished campus. We managed to get occupancy just before Christmas and fortunately were able to run Summer School on site, testing all the new equipment and facilities.

There are still a number of issues and areas for the builder to complete. This may mean that we have workmen on site while classes are operating. Please take care to avoid tools and equipment which may be around classrooms.

We have attempted to provide the best possible standards in equipment and furniture and comments have given positive support and feedback to this effect. We hope that attending classes in this very pleasant environment will add to your U3A Hawthorn experience!

As usual Summer School provided a wide range of interesting programs and activities. Attendance levels were high, indicating appreciation of the quality presentations. It was very rewarding to see the premises being used so extensively and successfully.

We were the first U3A to offer a Summer School. Each year this Summer School extends our normal curriculum and provides activities over January for those not away on holiday. It has been a much appreciated aspect of U3A Hawthorn. This year it was pleasing to see the input by our members into the program. If you have an area of interest or expertise which you would be willing to share please let us know. We would be delighted to include your offer in the program. You can leave your contact details at Reception and the appropriate person will contact you.

Our thanks to Carol Lancashire for organising this annual activity and to Bruce Lancashire for his expert technical backup and support.

Another distinguishing feature of U3A Hawthorn is its orchestra. This year we will celebrate 20 years of the orchestra with a concert in May. We hope that you will come to this event and participate in this quite remarkable achievement. For any voluntary organisation, to have a full orchestra for such a long time is indeed very special. We have a number of players who have been with the orchestra for the entire period as has Ruth Muir, the manager, who has been the creative initiator and supporter of all the players. Her role has been an integral factor in the

orchestra's success. Please put this event in your diary (details elsewhere in the newsletter).

We aim to be responsive to new ideas and suggestions where they can be incorporated in our organisation. For some time we had a suggestion box in the office and it was never used! We are putting one there again with a form for you to make your comment on. Please feel free to use it.

Your tutor/convenor has been given details of some changes in organisational arrangements and processes which have been outlined according to the area/classroom being used. These are necessary due to changes in the configuration of rooms, furniture and timetabling. The aim is to leave rooms set up in a standard format so that it is easier for the following class. Please return the room/hall to the standard layout as indicated on the noticeboard at the end of your class. It is always difficult to lose old habits but please implement these new ways of operating!

You will notice that throughout this newsletter we are calling for volunteers to undertake roles which will assist us to maintain our programs and indeed add to the variety which we would like to be able to offer. This organisation depends entirely on input from members and we know that you will find great satisfaction in the roles which we are offering to members. We hope that we will be able to go ahead with the suggestions and vacancies because people come forward to join our tutors, leaders and support people.

Last year could be described as "The Year of Upheaval and Disruption". I am hoping that this year will be one of exploration, expansion and creative development where we can fully utilize our refurbished facilities. Thank you to everyone for their patience and co-operation during 2016 and especial thanks to the Glen Iris Cricket Club and Camberwell Lacrosse Clubs who made us so welcome at Eric Raven Reserve for a much longer period than first anticipated.

Summer School Co-ordinator

After a number of years as Summer School Convenor, Carol Lancashire is stepping down.. We need a new person to step into this very important role. Carol will be readily available as support and information coach and we would be welcoming of a new team member. If you would like further information please contact Carol or Meg Adams. We will be very happy to talk to you.

Do give this call for a special volunteer role your consideration!

Book Exchange

We are thinking of introducing an occasional book exchange. We know that many of you have books that you have read and would like to de-clutter if these books could go to a good owner.

The idea would be for members to bring in books on the given day and specified time and make them available for others to read. Members would be responsible for removing books not taken by others. It is not possible for us to store books for extended periods.

So that we can trial this idea we need a volunteer/s who would organize such an event.

Please leave your name at Reception or speak to Meg Adams.

Curriculum Report

We are delighted with the great interest in our courses this year and the number of new members. In this edition of the newsletter there are a small number of new courses or short courses which have not yet commenced.

However, now that year-long courses have started it is not always possible to admit new enrolments, especially to those subjects that involve cumulative skill development. Some courses do have a limited number of positions available and you are encouraged to ring or call at Reception to enquire about availability of places. We also encourage members to take part in the excursion program and to attend special events and occasional lectures.

Our program depends on the generosity of our volunteer tutors and convenors. We would love to offer more courses, but we depend on you, our members, to come forward and volunteer. You do not have to be a teacher or academic, many of you have fascinating hobbies and interests which you could share with others, or you have the ability to convene activities.

Areas where we would love to have more tutors/convenors (this year and for 2018):

- cycling
- general exercise classes, including yoga, pilates, gentle exercise
- short courses in history, general interest, science, travel
- art, especially drawing
- beginner languages esp French, Italian and German (for 2018)
- technology - how to use your computer, iPad

- social activities - film evenings, coffee groups.

To volunteer: call Reception 9821 0282 or send an email to courses@u3ahawthorn.org.au

Very best wishes for 2017.

Meg Adams
President

COPY DEADLINE

**Copy deadline for the Newsletter is
Wednesday, 3 May. Please forward copy to
the office.**

FEES FOR 2017

Annual membership fees for 2017 are as follows:

Membership of U3A Hawthorn: \$60 single or \$90 couple/two at same address

Members are reminded that membership fees for 2017 must be paid before enrolments or re-enrolments in courses can be processed

Please note:

Our licence agreements for the Sinclair Avenue campus and the other venues which we use do not permit usage on public holidays. Therefore there are no classes on public holidays and Reception is not open.

At the end of each session in the Hall, the furniture must be left as per the diagram on the noticeboard – chairs are to be stacked at least 6 high, backs out, at the rear of the room (see photo below) – use the chairstackers. Chairs are not to be stacked at the sides of the Hall.



The following statement is, in future, being given to all new members along with the usual information we distribute. We are placing it in this Newsletter because it applies to all members. Please read it so that you are familiar with its ethos and requirements. It is hoped that Tutors will discuss it in classes.

EXPECTATIONS AND ETIQUETTE FOR MEMBERS ENROLLED IN CLASSES

The success of a voluntary organisation is dependent on the cooperation and goodwill of all members. It is expected that members should be able to feel comfortable in their class environment and to participate and enjoy the course offerings and facilities that U3A Hawthorn has to offer. The following are the Committee's expectations of members regarding enrolment and class attendance.

Part A Regarding Your Enrolment

1. When you are notified of your enrolment in a class there is a clear expectation that you will attend the class.
2. Should you subsequently not wish to, or be unable to take up an offered enrolment, you should notify the U3A Hawthorn office in writing as soon as possible so that the position might be offered to another member.
3. If after the class commences you are unable to attend one or more sessions because of illness, holiday or for any other reason, it is expected that you will inform the tutor of your absence. Failure to do this may lead to the cancellation of your class enrolment.

Part B Attending Classes

When attending classes, please be mindful of the following:

1. Class members are expected to be at the class venue by the scheduled starting time and to assist when necessary with setting up the classroom and, at the conclusion of the class, putting away materials etc and leaving the room tidy and ready for the next class.
2. Mobile phones must be on silent or turned off during classes.
3. Some class discussions may focus on topics which some members may find sensitive. Please be mindful of the opinions, values, and attitudes of others, and respect their points of view, which may be contrary to your own. This is especially important when matters of race, religion, sexual orientation, and political persuasion are concerned.
4. If the manner of a member of your class is offensive (language, aggression, racist etc) the tutor should be advised and the matter discussed in class.
5. A tutor has the right to ask a class member to withdraw an inappropriate comment.
6. Class members are expected to co-operate with the tutor as requested for the good management and enjoyment of the class.
7. When questions or comments are invited, please respond without extensive stories, opinions or life experiences. All questions and comments should go through the tutor or meeting chair, and the microphone used where available.
8. With the exception of guide dogs, pets are not permitted within the buildings of U3A and of other venues.

3 October 2016



MUSIC NOTES

There's a busy year ahead with plenty to prepare for and the summer break has meant lots of consultation, planning and communication with all and sundry. Most dates and venues are now confirmed and programs are under discussion for the future. As I write this, the Choir has just started rehearsals, and the other music groups are about to start. As a pleasant early introduction to what lies ahead, the popular Zoe Knighton offered another of her fascinating insights into string quartet playing, this time focussing on the music of Schubert.

For the Orchestra the stage is more or less set for the first concert of the year, an exciting celebratory concert on Sunday 14 May, based on our 20 years of performances springing from our rather tentative debut back in October 1997. Then a random group of 17 musicians performed to an appreciative audience in the Chandelier Room at the former Hawthorn Town Hall. We have certainly grown since that momentous occasion, both in numbers and reputation and there is much to celebrate and remember!

The Gala Concert will again be held in the same building, now known as the Hawthorn Arts Centre, in the Main Hall which became our home for many years before being closed down for some time for refurbishment and change. We are delighted that Benjamin, son of Christopher Martin our esteemed conductor for our most formative ten years, has agreed to perform Beethoven's Emperor Concerto for the occasion. Our other feature is a specially-commissioned work by Barry McKimm, *Three Dances for the Third Age*. Conducted by Jules Cseszkó, there will be much to enjoy and many memories to dwell on.

Dates for the diary so far

Sunday 14 May 2.30pm: Gala Concert celebrating the Orchestra's 20th birthday at Hawthorn Arts Centre. For this concert it is essential to obtain tickets through the Box Office, either in person or by phone – opening hours 10am-4pm Monday -Friday, or on the day one hour prior to concert time. \$12 entry, school children free. Phone number 9278 4770. Printing your own on-line tickets is also available, and recommended.

Saturday 5 August 2.30pm: Orchestral Concert with Willem van der Vis at MLC, Barkers Road, Hawthorn

Saturday 18 November 2.30pm: Orchestral concert with Gyula Cseszkó at St John's Anglican Church, Burke Rd, Camberwell

Dates for other musical events and further information in the next newsletter.

Ruth Muir
Music Manager

Choir Notes

The choir held its end-of-year concert for 2016 at Habitat Church in Canterbury on 19 November. As well as happily joining in singing traditional carols and familiar songs from musicals, the audience showed its appreciation of our eclectic but satisfying program.

I would just like to mention a few items - lyrical and gentle pieces by Handel and Cherubini (*Silent Worship* and *Veni Jesu*), the very machismo *Good-bye* from *White Horse Inn*, a crazy folk song, *Widdecombe Fair* and an Elvis classic, *Can't Help Falling in Love*, somehow just seemed to work together. And our rousing finale, *I Love a Piano*, was a definite hit.

This year has seen some changes. Former Musical Director, Meredith Vincent, having been warmly acknowledged by the choir for her leadership over the last five years, has re-joined the sopranos. Judy Chipman, who filled in as conductor at the November concert, is again our chief accompanist, backed up by Valerie Judges. And multi-talented Megan Austin is our new Musical Director. We all look forward to working with her.

Our mid-year concert will be in Flockart Hall, MLC Music Centre, at 2.00 pm on Sunday 25 June. Please remember to put the date in your diary.

Bev Rangott
Choir Manager

**THE ORCHESTRA OF U3A
HAWTHORN
GALA CONCERT
CELEBRATING 20 YEARS**

Sunday 14 May 2.30 pm

Main Hall of the Hawthorn Arts Centre,
Burwood Rd Hawthorn

Conductor: Jules Cseszkó
Soloist: Benjamin Martin

Program

Aaron Copland, *Fanfare for the Common Man*

Beethoven, *Concerto for Piano and Orchestra no. 5*
(The "Emperor"), soloist Benjamin Martin

Barry McKimm, *Three Dances for the Third Age*,
(Specially commissioned work for the U3A
Hawthorn Orchestra)

Humperdinck, *Prelude from Hansel and Gretel*
William Walton, *Crown Imperial Coronation March*

Important information: it is essential to obtain tickets for this concert from the Hawthorn Arts Centre. Those without tickets cannot be admitted.

Entry \$12, schoolchildren free

Hawthorn Arts Centre Box Office Hours: 10am-4pm
Monday to Friday

Phone number: 9278 4770

Tickets can be obtained in person during the above
hours, or 60 minutes before concert starts.

It is recommended you purchase online, and print
your own e-tickets. Type in Hawthorn Arts Centre
Box Office and follow the links.

**READMAN SERIES
2017**

A couple of years ago we introduced a series of lectures to honour the work of Derek Readman who had for many years been responsible for organising our Curriculum Program, Summer School and Saturday Series. We are presently organising this year's program. We have four speakers in progress with more to come later.

21 March: Professor Linda Krisjanson, Vice Chancellor Swinburne [and our Patron] - *Future Directions in Tertiary Education, Continuity and Change* 2.00pm

27 April: Professor Amanda Richdale La Trobe University - *Autism* 3.00pm (time to be confirmed)

30 May: Prof Michael Buxton - *Can Melbourne remain the world's most liveable city?* 2.00pm (time to be confirmed)

15 June: The Hon David Habersberger QC - *Judicial Issues in the Victorian Supreme Court* 3.00pm (time to be confirmed)

**Are you a man who enjoys singing? U3A
Hawthorn Choir needs you!**

The Choir of U3A Hawthorn has around 50 members, rehearses each Tuesday morning, presents two major concerts (in June and November) each year and provides occasional opportunities for choir members to participate in other choral activities, if they wish to do so. The choir members form a great social group, united in their mutual love of music and enjoyment in singing.

At present, the Choir would like to expand its male voice sections, particularly in the bass and bass/baritone area, but we would also be delighted to add to our tenor section. If you are a man who likes to sing, can do so tolerably well and may be interested in joining the choir, please feel free to contact Choir Committee member David Bennett by e-mail at jendavid3@bigpond.com or mobile phone 0408 240 843.

Parking Information – from Boroondara Council

Following consultation with residents of local streets, Council has decided to implement a revised parking strategy for Sinclair Avenue, Harris Avenue and Macdonald Street.

New parking restrictions will apply in **Sinclair Avenue** as follows:

1 hour parking signs, 1P, 8am - 6pm, Mon-Fri will apply *“along the residential side of Sinclair Avenue to discourage non-resident based parking and hence improve parking opportunities for residents and their visitors”*

New parking restrictions will apply in Harris Avenue and Macdonald Street as follows:

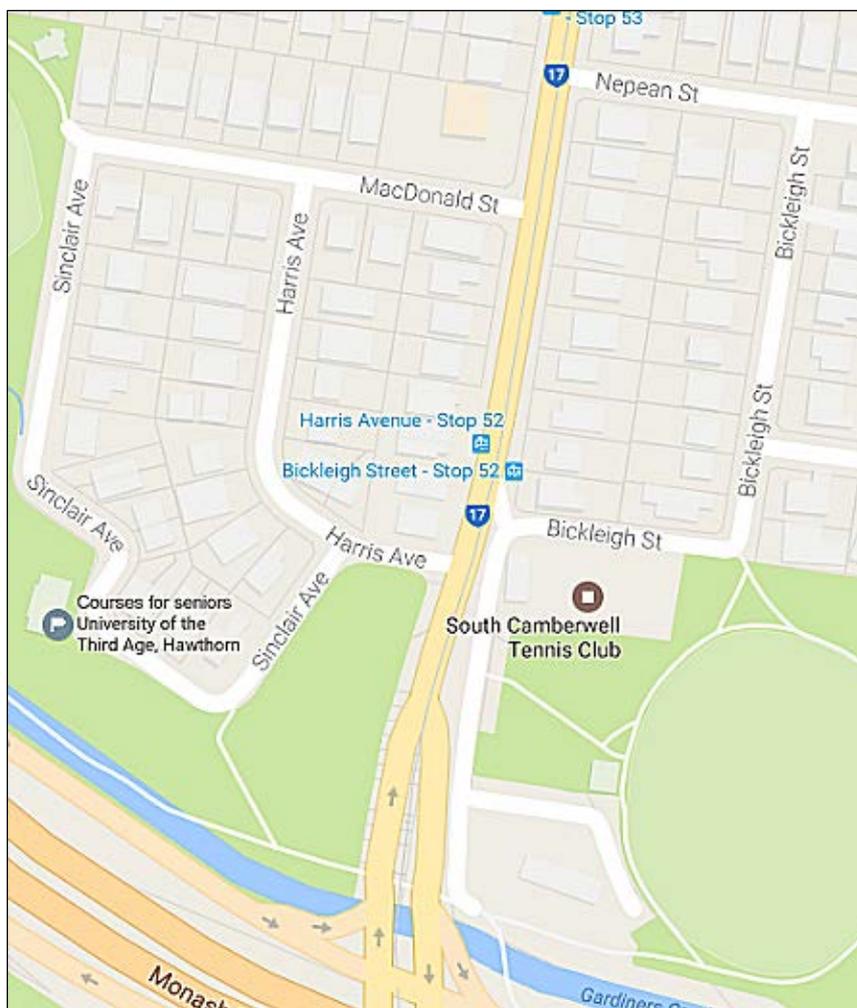
2 hour parking signs, 2P, 8am - 6pm, Mon-Fri on both sides of the street.

We have not been given a date for implementation, but once the signs are in place it will be imperative that members observe these new parking restrictions.

As we have always recommended that members not park on the residential side of Sinclair Avenue, the change should have minimal effect on us.

Please remember that if our car park is full you can usually find ample parking at the South Camberwell Tennis Club on the opposite side of Burke Road (see map below) and use the pedestrian underpass beneath Burke Road.

Enter from Burke Road via Bickleigh Street if travelling south or Nepean Street if travelling north. Exit is either via Nepean Street and into Burke Road or, to exit onto Tooronga Road, turn right into Bickleigh Street, then turn right into Nepean Street and then left into Park Road.





For bookings please telephone the U3A Reception

For further queries please contact:
Joan Harding on 98133974 or 0408366987
or
Colette Flynn on 98826097

BOOKING POLICY

All tour fees payable at the time of placing reservation.

Payments may be made by credit card or cheque at Reception, or by paying online.
Bookings close two weeks prior to the event.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations 14 days or less prior to the scheduled departure time will mean no refund will be paid.

Thursday, 16 March TOUR OF BISHOPSCOURT HISTORIC MANSION, EAST MELBOURNE

Cost: \$15 including delicious morning tea

Time: 10.00am – 12 noon

Departure: 120 Clarendon St, East Melbourne (corner of Gipps St)
Melway: 2J D3

Limit: 30 participants (minimum 20 participants to run the tour)

Inclusions: Tour and morning tea

This large colonial mansion surrounded by a high bluestone wall has an interesting history. Completed in 1853 it was used for a short period as Victoria's Government House and after an additional wing was added in 1903 became the official residence of all the Anglican Diocesan bishops' and Archbishops of Melbourne. Tour the house and see the tiny chapel still used for the occasional wedding. Finish the tour with a guided walk through the beautiful garden. Bring a friend, it's well worth a visit!

Friday, 21 April TOUR OF MCCLELLAND SCULPTURE GARDENS AND THE ROYAL CRANBOURNE BOTANIC GARDENS

Cost: \$65

Time: 9.00am sharp

Departure: By bus from U3A Sinclair Ave

Limit: 40 participants

Inclusions: Bus, morning tea and two course lunch

Today we explore the beautiful Mornington Peninsula and will have a freshly baked morning tea on the shoreline of Port Phillip Bay. We continue to McClelland Sculpture Park which has its origins in the 1920s. The gallery opened in 1971 and is host to many exhibitions and a permanent outdoor sculpture park with 100 works.

We reboard the coach and head across to the beautiful Amstel Golf Course where we will have lunch at the club rooms. The restaurant is located on the course side of the club house which overlooks the smooth, rolling putting green.

A short drive will then take us to the Royal Cranbourne Botanic Gardens which were established in 1970 for conservation, research, display and enjoyment of Australian native plants. You will have time to wander the gardens at your leisure and may even enjoy a coffee at the cafe.

At extra charge, the 'people mover' shuttle will be available to take you around the gardens if so desired.

Remember to wear comfortable walking shoes, bring a hat and an umbrella if the weather appears unfavourable.

Friday, 12 May

TOUR OF THE AUSTRALIAN JAZZ MUSEUM (FORMERLY THE VICTORIA JAZZ ARCHIVES)

Cost: \$25

Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Departure: 15 Mountain Highway, Wantirna (in Koomba Park, opposite head office of Nutrimetics)
Melway: 63 H8

Inclusions: Tour and lunch

By popular demand we will revisit this incredible collection of jazz memorabilia and be entertained royally by talented jazz musicians. A great tour concluding with a delicious lunch. Invite a friend to share this wonderful experience.

Tuesday, 20 June

TOUR OF THE ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Cost: Free

Time: Meet at 10.20am (tour leaves at 10.30am sharp)

Departure: Corner of Swanston and LaTrobe St, Melbourne

Inclusions: Tour

Limit: 20 participants

We have all watched with interest the great expansion of this institution over the last few decades. Now we are fortunate to be given a great opportunity to go 'behind the scenes' to take a closer look at the developments, and led by Paul Noonan, Media and Communications Advisor and son of Jan Noonan (Hawthorn U3A member). This exclusive tour will not be repeated.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS MARCH – NOVEMBER 2017

Monday 13 March	Labour Day public holiday – no classes
Thursday, 16 March	Tour of Bishops court Historic Mansion, East Melbourne 10.00am to 12 noon
Tuesday, 21 March	Readman Series Lecture: Professor Linda Kristjanson – <i>Future Directions in Tertiary Education: Continuity and Change</i> , Sinclair Ave, Hall Sinclair Avenue 2.00pm
Friday 14 – Monday 17 April	Easter public holiday – no classes
Friday, 21 April	Tour of McClelland Sculpture Gardens and the Royal Cranbourne Botanical Gardens 9.00am departure
Tuesday 25 April	Anzac Day public holiday – no classes
Thursday, 27 April	Readman Series Lecture: Professor Amanda Richdale La Trobe University - <i>Autism</i> 3.00pm (time to be confirmed)
Friday, 12 May	Tour of the Australian Jazz Museum 10.30am to 12.30pm
Sunday, 14 May	Gala 20 th Anniversary Orchestra Concert, Hawthorn Arts Centre 2.30pm
Thursday 25 May	Annual General Meeting Hall, Sinclair Avenue, 2.00pm
Tuesday, 30 May	Readman Series Lecture: Prof Michael Buxton - <i>Can Melbourne remain the world's most liveable city?</i> 2.00pm (time to be confirmed)
Monday 12 June	Queen's Birthday public holiday – no classes
Thursday, 15 June	Readman Series Lecture: The Hon David Habersberger QC - <i>Judicial Issues in the Victorian Supreme Court</i> 3.00pm (time to be confirmed)
Tuesday, 20 June	Tour of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology 10.20am
Sunday 25 June	Mid Year Choir Concert, Flockart Hall, MLC Music Centre, 2.00 pm
Saturday, 5 August	Orchestral Concert with Willem van der Vis at MLC Barkers Road, Hawthorn 2.30pm
Saturday, 18 November	Orchestral concert with Gyula Cseszkó at St John's Anglican Church, Burke Rd, Camberwell 2.30pm